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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 1623

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ELAB ILO
SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF DANIEL L. HOROWITZ, USG
REP TO ILO

REF: (A) STATE 064566, (B) KUWAIT 0381.

1. POST WELCOMES HOROWITZ VISIT, WHICH ESPECIALLY
APPROPRIATE SINCE KUWAIT IS PRESENTLY ONLY ARAB MEMBER
OF ILO GOVERNING BODY.

2. AS HOROWITZ NO DOUBT AWARE, OVER QUARTER OF KUWAIT'S
POPULATION IS PALESTINIAN AND KUWAIT FIRMLY SUPPORTS ARAB
CAUSES IN INTERNATIONAL FORA. ALSO, LABOR LEADERSHIP
IN KUWAIT HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN RADICAL, STRONGLY CRITICAL
OF US AND IN ADVERSARY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOK, MAKING EMBASSY -
LABOR CONTACT DIFFICULT AND GOK SOMEWHAT SENSITIVE ABOUT
LABOR MATTERS. GOK DOES NOT HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY ON
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INTERNATIONAL LABOR MATTERS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE,
HOWEVER, WE AGREE WITH POINT REFTTEL, THAT DIFFERENCES
SHOULD NOT PREVENT US FROM FINDING POINTS OF COMMON
INTEREST IN SEEKING TO STRENGTHEN ILO.

3. WE MUST ALSO POINT OUT THAT NUMBER OF POLICY LEVEL
OFFICIALS IN KUWAIT DEALING WITH ILO MATTERS IS VERY

LIMITED, BEING CHIEFLY MINISTER OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, SHAIKH SALEM AL-SABAH, AND LESSER OFFICIAL IN HIS MINISTRY. SHAIKH SALEM IS FORMER AMBASSADOR TO US AND SON OF PRESENT AMIR. GIVEN FACT OFFICIAL KUWAIT WORKING DAY ONLY EXTENDS TO 1 P.M. AND HOROWITZ SCHEDULED TO LEAVE THURSDAY MORNING MAY 12, WE WILL HAVE ONLY MORNING OF WED MAY 11 TO SCHEDULE MEETING WITH SHAIKQSALEM. WE WILL OF COURSE ATTEMPT SCHEDULE THIS MEETING WELL IN ADVANCE, BUT IF PAST EXPERIENCE WITH OFFICIAL VISITORS IS ANY GUIDE, CANCELLATION OF MEETING IS A POSSIBILITY SINCE SHAIKH SALEM FREQUENTLY MUST TRAVEL ON SHORT NOTICE. SAME SITUATION HOLDS FOR CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY RASHID AL-RASHID, WHO WOULD BE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL IN FMA FOR HOROWITZ TO CONTACT.

4. WITH ABOVE CAVEATS, POST WELCOMES VISIT AND HAS RESERVED SINGLE AT HILTON FOR HOROWITZ EVENINGS MAY 10 AND 11.
MAESTRONE
UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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